

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A ~~composition suitable~~ nucleic acid amplification reaction mixture for use in nucleic acid amplification, comprising water, gellan at a concentration above 0.005 wt% based on the weight of water, a DNA polymerase, dNTPs, and a target nucleic acid, wherein the nucleic acid amplification reaction mixture amplifies the target nucleic acid.

17. (Currently amended) The nucleic acid amplification reaction mixture ~~composition~~ of claim 16 in which template-dependent nucleic acid amplification is of enhanced sensitivity.